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## REPORTS OF violent riots in Stalin's native Georgia in protest against denunciations of his regime by the Communist Party's First Secretary

By Mr. N. Khrushchev, at the recent Party Congress still belonged to the realm of rumour last night. But the reports, which were reported to be a further indication of the Georgian capital, Tiflis, alone, indicate that the smoke is there — if not from a fire then from the smouldering embers of Georgian nationalism.

The content of Mr. Khrushchev's speech, which is reported to have been delivered at the security session of the Congress on February 25, has not been published, but it is said to have painted a dark picture of Stalin's regime of "suspicion, fear and terror" which not only held constitutional processes in contempt but weakened the country by purges at a time when Russia faced the imminent hostility of Hitler's Third Reich. Whatever Mr. Khrushchev said, it is obvious that the process of deflating the Stalin myth, which began almost immediately after his death in 1953, is really completed at the Congress. Recently, all pictures of Stalin are reported to have disappeared from Moscow's famous Tretyakov Gallery, where a few months ago his image was omnipresent. Busts and statues of Stalin are beginning to be removed.

Nowhere in the Soviet Union was Stalin held in the reverence and force adulation that was accorded him in his native Georgia, whose people, humiliated under the Tsars as second-class citizens, had a particular nationalistic stake in Stalin's rise to power. While the Moscow press slurred over Stalin's third death anniversary on March 5, the Tiflis "Zaria Vostoka" on March 9 editorially praised Georgia's favourite son as an eminent Marxist whose life was devoted to serving the working people and to the realization of Lenin's plans. In August 1953 they suffered the shock of the execution for treason of Lavrentia Beria, another once-eminent comrade. It would not be surprising if they reacted more personally to revelations which have startled the rest of the world, not excluding Communists.

JERUSALEM has given a warm welcome to the senior officials of the Indian Government who have just arrived here for a fortnight's study of community development in Israel.

They are now concluding a fact-finding tour which has taken them to British and Scandinavian lands, and which is designed to help them set in perspective some of the problems facing their country.

Both Israel and India are committed to long-term development plans for bringing water and electricity to remote agricultural areas. Both peoples are conducting an unremitting struggle against illiteracy and epidemics, widening the network of schools and health centres, and encouraging the emergence of local leadership and self-governing institutions.

India suffers — as does Israel — from an acute shortage of professional qualified men and women, and is applying herself with great foresight to the expansion of her training establishments. Education in all its aspects — for children, adults, university students and industrial apprentices — is one of the main keys to India's future development as it is to Israel's. Our efforts in this field are perhaps made easier than those of our Indian friends by the renaissance of Hebrew as the one language uniting all our ethnic groups. Not the least valuable aspect of this visit is the opportunity it affords for the exchange of ideas and experiences and for widening the horizons of our own administrators and professional experts.

# Education for Work and Mizrahi Monopoly

By LEA BEN-DOR

THE Minister of Education, Mr. Zalman Aranne, outlined a bold new plan for elementary education in the Knesset on Monday which is viewed with an element of suspicion in some quarters. If the education of the still only half-absorbed newcomers from the Arab countries is lagging behind, will it really be improved by devoting a good part of the curriculum in their last two years at school to vocational training? But to anyone familiar with the realities of education in some of the villages the chief difficulty with this scheme will be that it will take too much time and money to carry out to be of much help to the generation of boys now in the last two or three grades.

Whatever the reasons for their backwardness — and natural slowness is the least of them — the adolescents cannot be kept down with the eight or nine-year-olds whose achievements they may not have outstripped, and in the end many of them spend two years or more sulking unhappily or a bench or playing truant from a class whose work they are quite unable to follow. Their final report card reads only "XY studied in the 8th class." There has been nothing in their school experience to encourage them to seek further education of any kind, and they join the great throng of the 30,000 14-18-year-olds who belong to no educational or social organization of any sort. They are condemned for life to unskilled labour and the poorest jobs, and if they do not also carry a profound sense of grievance with them on their way they, and we also, will be fortunate. Two years of part-time vocational training might make them more skilled mechanics, but it may also make them school with a sense of achievement, of having carried out at least part of the curriculum satisfactorily. If this will encourage them to seek further training in apprenticeship their entire attitude to the fabric of social

life may be changed. The real trouble is that it is much more difficult and expensive to teach a boy even the rudiments of carpentry or mechanical work than to let him sleep through a mathematics lesson; the sponsors say that, at least, it requires much less investment than agricultural instruction.

There was sharp criticism at the same time, during the debate on the Ministry of Religion, of the fact that religious education was never so extreme or bigoted during the time of the four school "trends" as now, when all primary education is state-sponsored, but divided into observant and non-observant systems. A good many accusations were heard by Aguda and Poalei Aguda speakers that the Ministry of Religion is, in fact, the Ministry of Hapoel Hamizrabi, which is increasingly claiming a monopoly of Judaism, and looks askance at religious observances to right and left.

Mr. S. Warhaftig, the Deputy Minister of Religion, always an impassioned speaker, denied indignantly that Hapoel Hamizrabi gave preference within the Ministry to members of its own group, and told the Aguda group that if they took no share in the settling of newcomers they could not expect a part in the budget for new synagogues. He also noted that he had again been told that the religious movement would fare better if it were concentrated in a political party. There is a good deal of truth in this. Hapoel Hamizrabi has from the beginning claimed the observant immigrants for its own, and most people will agree with Mr. Warhaftig's fervent plea that the strong religious tradition of these newcomers is the most important cultural element in their background, and the one most likely to aid them in their integration in Israel. Most of them will disagree just as strongly, however, with his further deduction that if a village religious school, its influence should not be marred by the introduction of clubs or Gadsa military training groups which are not only specifically religious in character, and whose instructors are not personally observant. Israel has a dual back-

ground today, and the labour tradition of the youth clubs has its own validity beside that of the religious schools. If, in addition, the schools mean that the children will be automatically channelled into Hapoel Hamizrabi, the Labour parties are bound to seek means of presenting their own view of life to future voters.

**B.G. Versus Begin**  
CLOSE on five hours, or the better part of a working day, were taken up on Tuesday by the final stage of last week's exchanges between the Prime Minister and the Herut leader, Mr. Meiselman Begin. Outwardly, the argument involved only a matter of procedure: Herut sought to make a statement protesting against the censure of Messrs. Begin and Arditi for using unpatriotic language, but refused to submit this for the prior inspection of the Speaker. The Herut strategy was simple. Diminutive Mrs. Raziel-Naor, one of their most forceful members, was down as the first speaker at a spontaneous public protest debate and would crash through all objections made by the Speaker and read her statement. An arm's length away, at the Speaker's table, was Mrs. Beba Idelson, the Mapai Deputy Speaker. Every time the Herut member attempted to get off the subject, Mrs. Idelson's gavel came down gently but busily, and the Herut chorus came into operation protesting against "conspiracy." Last week's pande-

monium seemed to threaten once more, and Mrs. Idelson called Mrs. Raziel to order. (A Herut member said later "I don't know whether we could have done it with one of the men speaking... two women pitted against each other made it easier.") Finally Mrs. Idelson, looking distressed, closed the meeting. Without too much difficulty it was agreed that the contents of the statement should be communicated verbally to Mr. Sprinzak personally, and not to the entire press. Herut objected to Mr. Azanah, the chairman of the Knesset Committee which had censured Mr. Begin, also making a statement and further disturbance threatened. The problem was finally settled by the strange device of changing the agenda in such a way that there would be no Herut speakers until the end of the session, at 11 o'clock, when the statement was finally to be delivered.

**Time Wasted?**  
Was the difference between submitting a written statement and reading it aloud a waste of time? Half a day of the Knesset's working time, right in the middle of the budget debate? Mr. Yohanan Bar, who has a more strictly practical approach to most matters than the majority of his party colleagues, shrugged a shoulder. One never makes rows over truly important matters," he said. "And there was no point having a commotion over Azanah's statement at 11 o'clock."

## Readers' Letters

**SCHOOL TUITION**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I had expected that a spontaneous public protest by parents would follow the request of the Association of Secondary Schools for an additional payment of IL59 in tuition. A protest, noted in today's press, but with some discrepancies as to the amounts involved.

The tuition fee agreed upon at the beginning of the term for my son, who attends an upper class in a secondary school, was IL340, with the proviso that it would be pegged to the cost of living allowance. Last month, a payment of IL4 had to be made on this account, bringing the total tuition fee to IL344 per annum (apart from extra expenses).

Now a further request is being made for another IL59, on the contention that the cost of living allowance has increased. The salary increase, to my knowledge, amounts to five per cent, whereas, by my calculation, the requested IL59 represents 16.6 per cent. Even at the beginning of the term, most parents felt that it was difficult to pay the high tuition fee, but I thought that after my son had attended school for 11 years, I had to do everything in my power to enable him to complete his studies. The higher tuition fee will result in reducing the number of pupils still further. Can we afford the luxury of having a semi-educated rising generation, when from all other expenses of support, has gone up considerably. I trust that the last word

has not yet been said and that parents all over the country will meet to discuss joint steps to be taken. Parents' meetings should be convened to elect representatives for this purpose.

**"EDISON" STAGE**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Is it not high time that something be done about the stage of the Edison theatre in Jerusalem? It is really too much to demand that a very small part of the money earned by the various performing companies, the cinema-owners and the local ticket agency should be used to give the stage an attractive appearance.

Its present condition, with its dirty half-rotten plywood, is an insult to the theatre-going public and to the many distinguished local and international artists who have to perform on it.

**PEN FRIENDS**  
HOWARD MILLER, 14, of Woodside School, Barking Ridge, N.J., U.S.A., would like to have a pen pal in Israel. He is interested in world affairs. He also collects stamps.

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# The American Scene

## A Man of Power

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN  
WASHINGTON (OFNS). — THE Senate Judiciary Committee is not the most dramatic, but it is one of the most important of the Senate's committees. In these committees the real parliamentary work of the United States is done. The crucial full-dress debate or the drawn-out contest in debating stamina on the floor of the Senate is, in the long run, usually no more than a reflection of what has been fashioned by near-expert committees behind closed doors.

The Judiciary Committee has a frightening responsibility. Under the Standing Rules of the Senate it has jurisdiction over such subjects as constitutional amendments, the control of monopolies, legislation aimed against espionage, legislation concerning federal courts, legislation that affects the inflow of new citizens from the outside world and matters that affect basic civil liberties. On these subjects this committee is deputized to pass judgment before the Senate can reach the Senate floor. Its chairman is dead. Sen-

tor Kilgore, a Democrat from the mountain State of West Virginia, was a tough old liberal. His successor is not. By right of seniority, he has been succeeded by Senator Eastland, a Democrat from Mississippi. The Senator is becoming a man to reckon with in America. He has succeeded to a modified form of McCarthy's robe. On immigration he is known to be in favour of preserving a maximum of restrictions. On civil liberties, he has become the leader of the Southern anti-integration camp. He has said that the Supreme Court is an "indecisive and brain-washed bench." He is heart and soul with those who oppose it. He is for the extreme interpretation of the rights of States against the central authority.

The prospect of such a man in such a post has caused considerable dismay. But the tradition of promotion by seniority is dear to the Senate and it seldom subverts it. Only two votes were raised on the floor of the Senate against the appointment. The job, the authority and the power are his.

**FRIDAY'S PRESS**  
France the Ally  
"HERUT" feels that Nasser knows only too well that he cannot permit himself openly to join the anti-French elements in North Africa as long as Israel continues to exist as a political factor in this region and that is why his prime aim is to attack Israel and free himself for an active role in the war against the French.

The sooner France realizes the danger threatening her from the Nile and the Euphrates the sooner will she strengthen her position in North Africa. But the more she continues in the footsteps of London and Washington, continues the paper, will her position on the African Continent be undermined. For the Anglo-Saxon countries will not hesitate to sacrifice the French settlers in North Africa to their strategic and oil interests.

Israel finds herself in a similar position and France must therefore realize that our joint interests dictate a joint stand and unified policy not only in the Middle East.

In his survey of the week in "Lamerhar" (Abdus Havad) Yitzhak Gruenbaum also sees that it is evident that the West will not do anything for France in North Africa, and makes matters even worse by sending Egypt and the other Arab countries arms which eventually are passed on to the insurgents. Small wonder if France and the West do not see eye to eye on the Middle East.

**Yours, etc.**  
NAPHTALI ROSENFELD  
Jerusalem, March 9.

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